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Notice of Allowability

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on March 2, 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4 and 6-8.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 09 September 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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Paper No./Mail Date <u>4/19/2005</u> . |
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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

1. The amendment filed on March 2, 2005 has been entered. Accordingly, claim 1 has been amended, and claim 5 has been cancelled.
2. On April 19, 2005, the examiner contacted the attorney, Mr. William, Meyer, to express the need of deleting component identification numerals included in claims 1, 2, 4, 6 and 8 for clear recitation. In addition, the examiner suggested insertion of a comma (,) in each of lines 5 and 6 of Claim 1 as detailed in section 3 of this office action. Finally, the examiner informed Mr. Meyer that the independent Claim 1 includes allowable subject matter. In response Mr. Meyer authorized an Examiner's amendment requiring amendment to claims 1, 2, 4, 6 and 8 as detailed in section 3 of this office action. A copy of the interview summary is attached herewith.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. William, Meyer on April 19, 2005

- Claim 1 (amended), line 5, replace "mounted on said surface" with --mounted on said surface, --;

- Claim 1 (amended), line 6, insert “,” after carrier;
- Claim 2, line 1, delete “10”;
- Claim 4, line 1, delete “28”;
- Claim 4, line 2, delete “12”;
- Claim 6, delete “12” in line 1, and delete “20” in line 2; and
- Claim 8, line 2, delete “32”.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1-4 and 6-8 are allowed.

The prior art of record, including Pederson (US Patent No.: 6,367,949 B1), does not show or suggest the applicant's invention as claimed. Specifically, the prior art of record does not disclose a lamp assembly combining:

- a carrier and a circuit board including mating step portions extending in separate planes as recited in Claim 5.

The above-indicated combination, including a carrier and a circuit board including mating step portions extending in separate planes, is a unique feature applied to a lamp assembly.

Therefore, Claim 1 is allowed over prior art of record.

Claims 2-4 and 6-8 are necessarily allowed because of their dependency of the allowed base Claim 1.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hargobind S Sawhney whose telephone number is 571 272 2380. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:15 - 2:45.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sandra O'Shea can be reached on 571 272 2378. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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